



Grafton Conservation Commission

MINUTES of the GRAFTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 3, 2015

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A meeting of the Grafton Conservation Commission was held in the Finance Committee Meeting Room of the Grafton Municipal Center on November 3, 2015. Present were: Co-Chairperson Sandra Brock, Co-Chairperson John Wilson, Heather Trudell, Peter Finn, Kathleen Theoharides, Conservation Agent Maria Mast, and Conservation Assistant Leah Cameron.

Co-Chairperson Sandra Brock opened the public meeting at 7:05 p.m.

2016 Meeting Schedule - The Commission discussed the meeting schedule for 2016. As long as there are no conflicts with election days, the Commission decided to continue meeting the first and third Tuesday of each month.

October 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes – The Commission made revisions to the October 20, 2015 meeting minutes. Peter Finn made a motion, seconded by Heather Trudell, to accept the October 20, 2015 meeting minutes as revised. Kathleen Theoharides was in agreement. Co-Chairpersons Sandra Brock and John Wilson were absent from the October 20, 2015 meeting and thus abstained.

DEP File #164-896 / WP #729 – Wildlife Drive – The Commission reviewed a revised plan for sewer maintenance at Tufts. In the public hearing for this project, the potential to relocate the access road to avoid large trees was discussed. The revised plans now reflect that change and present a less invasive path for the access road. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Peter Finn, to make a determination that the proposed revision can be considered minor under the original approved project. The motion carried unanimously. Co-Chairperson John Wilson made a motion, seconded by Heather Trudell, to approve the minor project change as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DEP File #164-652 / WP #497 - 64 Carroll Road – Peter Finn recused himself from this discussion because he lives nearby. The Commission discussed a request to add a 120 square foot bathroom at 64 Carroll Road in light of a previously issued special condition stating “no additional disturbance” was allowed. The Commission determined that it is their understanding that the bathroom is proposed in an area that was already disturbed when it was converted to lawn and therefore, is not considered to be *additional* disturbance. The Commission stated that they will need to review the proposed work in a public hearing once an application has been filed.

7:15 p.m. – DEP File # 164-904 - NOI, Application for Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit # 737, Application for Stormwater Management Bylaw Permit #15-006 – Town of Grafton – 4 & 6 Upton Street (Assessor’s Map 74, Lots 89 & 90) (Continuation) - The applicant proposed the construction of a super park with access driveway, parking, and utilities within resource areas. Peter Finn made a motion, seconded by Co-Chairperson John Wilson, to continue the public hearing for 4 & 6 Upton Street to November 17, 2015 at the applicant’s request. The motion carried unanimously.

DEP File #164-812 / WP #650 – 96 George Hill Road – The applicant has missed the established deadline of July 1, 2014 for wetland replication, according to the approved plan entitled “Wetlands Replication Plan” dated November 8, 2011. Since the Order of Conditions has expired but applicant is still willing to complete the work, the Commission suggested that the applicant request an extension for the Order of Conditions and

Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit in writing and attend a future meeting to discuss the mitigation plan and establish a new deadline for completion.

Discussion Item – 24 Cortland Way – The Conservation Agent informed the Commission that the developer has not successfully implemented the previously approved professional erosion control plan as was required in an Enforcement Order issued on September 17, 2015 to regain compliance with Grafton's Stormwater Management Bylaw. The Conservation Agent met on site with the homeowner and suggested they hire an experienced erosion and sediment control professional to implement the plan. The homeowner intends to do so and will then update the Commission.

Discussion Item – X-24W/E-157 DCT Separation Project – The Commission asked about the meeting that was held earlier that day about this New England Power Company project. The Conservation Agent informed the Commission that they will be filing a Notice of Intent for the project.

Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Peter Finn, to adjourn at 7:40 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Documents discussed located in the Conservation Commission office:

Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015

Order of Conditions & Sewer Maintenance Plan for Tufts University revised 10/22/15

Order of Conditions for 64 Carroll Road

Notice of Intent, Application for Wetlands Bylaw Permits, & Application for Stormwater Management Bylaw Permits for:
4 & 6 Upton Street

Order of Conditions & Wetlands Replication Plan dated 11/8/11 for 96 George Hill Road

Plan for 24 Cortland Way

Agent's Report to the Commissioners dated November 3, 2015

Minutes drafted by Leah Cameron

Approved on November 17, 2015